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A Dialogue betwixt

a Citizen, and a poore Countrey-man and his wife, in the Countrey, where the Citizen remaineth now in this time of sicknesse.

Written by him in the Countrey, who fent the coppie to a friend in London.

Being both pittifull and pleafant.



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A Dialogue be-

twixt a Citizen and a Countrey-man.

Citizen.

G Ood Even good frend, inhabite you nere hand?

Countrey man. Chy dwell not varre hence, what

would you I pray?

Citti. No harme, I would but kindely understand, H
Where I might lodge and eate, and frankly pay. (come
Conn. Why fir, whence come you masse chi veare you
From London, where the Plague is parlous hote,
And it be so, no further woordes, but mumme:
No meate, nor drinke, nor lodging wil be got.

Cit. Alas, why fo? are you a Christian, And fuffer any die for lacke of foode?

I am not sicke beleeve me honelt man,

I would not doe thee hurt for any good.

When as the Plague doth drive them from the Citty: But many a one doth worke himselfe great woe, With foolish shewing of an other pitty.

Catrizen. Why heere is gold and filver for thy pains,

lle richly pay for whatfoere I take.

Coun. Youle pay the Plague. O these are prety trains,
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Which makes the simple woefull bargaines make.

Cit. Why search, and see, if I be not as sound,

As any creature in your Country here.

Coun. Oh firsth'infection is not 10 foone found, for Cloathes will keepe the Plague in halfe a yeare.

Cir. Yet let me lodge but in your barne or stable. Some cote, or out-house, that you best may spare: Ile be content to take a simple table,
Nor shall you finde me dainty of my fare.

Coun. Sir, hold your rest, they zay a horse, a hog.
And cattes and mise, will die of that disease:
I promise you, I would not lose my dogge,
Not for a strike of the best beanes and pease.

Cit. But doeyou make of cattell more then men?
That were unchristian, Heathens doe not so:

Coun. Why let us want our cattell, horse, and then How dogged some men we shall finde I know.

Cis. What men are they, that in extremity, Will not in conscience christian pitty shew?

Coun. Even you rich Land-lords that have heard our Yet racke your rents, how ere our soronws grow, (cry, Fruit blasted, cattell die, be ne're so poore, Pay rent at day, or turne us out of doore.

Cir. Why we are thousands that no rent receive,
But subject are to Landlords, and their wills:
It is the Devill doth the world deceive,
Which town and countrey with his venome filles.
Be pittifull, and think not on the worst,
Beleeve me, I am free from this infection:
The kinde are blessed, and the cruell curst,
Beasts in their kinde will shew their kinde affection.
Coun. Indeed: I heare an Ape will sime himself
With putting on a paire of painted breeches:

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and a Countrey-man.

But I will not so play the foolish elfe, To kill my felf with liftening to your speeches. There came this other day into our town. A handsome fine old man for flesh and bloud: And as you doe, went plodding up and down. And was (zome zay) a man of much worlds good, Met a poore man, as you doe me, and quierd, Where he might come by lodging, meat, and drink. The man with money, being poore, was hierd To get himlodging: and where doc you think? But in a cottage of his own hereby: Where well he had not rested full three dayes. But he was dead and buried by and by. Whose purse the poore man to much wealth did raise. But long the riches did not with him bide: For in a week his wife and children died, Save onely two, which yet are in good health: But as for me, I feek for no fuch wealth.

Cit. Why trust me of my word, you need not feer,
Both you and yours shall better fare by me.

I am not sick in faith and truth I swear,
My clothes are fresh, and not insected be.

Coun. I pray stand further, some will zay, the winde Will bring it through ones note into their brain.

Git. Alas, their faith is of a fearefull kinde.

Whose idle heads doe beate on such a vaine.

Coun. Why ist not sectious, and doth kill so many? Why cattes and dogges will beare it to and fro.

Cit. Yea cats and dogs, but christians few, if any That take it, in the time they pitty show.

Coun. Oh, you are fine, it is, and tis not, well:
You feare it, and flie from it where it is,
And yet you zeeme an idle tale to tell.

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How zome twill hit, and other some twil misse:
But be what twill, our sustices of Peace
Have charged our parish, upon paine of gaile,
To take in none, until the sickenesse cease:
And thinke you such Precepts of none availe?

Citizen. Alas, should so our Citty keepe you out,
How would you sell your come to pay your rent?
It may be ere the yeere doth goe about,
You may this lacke of charitie repent:
For God can shew his mercy where he will,
And plague all those that will no pitty show:
The Citty well, the Country may be ill:
(But yet I pray the Lord it be not so.)
You are not free from sinne, no more than wee,
Nor yet free from deserved punishment:
Let us then now in you your pitty see:
And by our plague learne you amendement:
Be not as a fraide man, do not stoppe your nose.
Me thinkes, your age should bid you seare no death.

Coun. Yet am I loath, good fir, my life to loofe,
By an infection of a plagny breath:
But what will all my neighbours thinke on me,
If they should know that you from London came,
There would be worke enough ywis for me,
To shut up me, my houshold and my dame.

Sir. That were but if some in your house doe die,
Of the infection, and not otherwise.

Count. Itell you no, they are so jealous,
They are almost afraid of London flies:
A Londoner is lookt on like a sprite,
The Citi's thought a Sepulchre or grave.

Gie. Oh faithles foules whose harts are so affright.
All civill rites and government they have very but.

and a Countrey-man.

But for your felfe, let me intreate you yet, Some little roome, and vittaile what you will, Ile pay you well and one day thinke on it, And for your kindenesse not requite you ill.

Coun. What? shall I danger all my house for you? The losse will be farre greater then my gaine, If that your passe the Constable allow;

The best I can, I will you entertain.

Cit. Then need I not your Courtesie intreat. But fay I have none, shall I starve for food? Coun. No, God forbid, He help you to some meat, Which you may eate upon that piece of woods Many a good time have I upon that blocke Fed hungerly, on fuch as God hath fent, Though now the Lord increased hath our stocke. On Easter dayes we doe not make our Lent. But, should I lodge you in my little house, And that my Dame would fo contented be. If there should die a catte, a ratte, a mowse, That any neighbour by ill chance should see, I were undones and if that you should die, You must be buried here in my back side. For not a man of all our ministry Will bury them that of the plague have dide, And therefore this is all that I dare doe. Vnderthat hovell where my hogges doe lie, Set down, lle bring you drink and vittaile too, The best I have, there you may sit you drie, Soon, if my Dame will gree thereto, Ile fee What may be done, but further, pardon me-Wife. Bones man, how now? who's that you talk to lo, A Londoner? for Gods fake come away, Are you too well? what doe you meane I trow?

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You doe not know yet who is dead to day, My neighbor Ione that tooke home her lame fonnes, Both dead, and thus we shall be all undone, The fection will be round about the towne, So many cashe to them when they were sicke, And knew not twas the plague: her wosted gowne She gave my lugge, and her fonnes cloake to Dicke: But I will hang them on the pales all day, And ayre them well, before they put them one Bat, pray doe you leave talking, come away, Left your be taken napping too anon. Coun. Why hearke you Madge, the man is haile and For aught I fee, and haz good store of golde: Faith, be content, cha heard my vather tell, They are no men that doe no pitty holde: Thou feest tis late, the mans a hansome man, Wel couloured, well clad, and monied too: The Zittie may doe wel againe, and than, God knowes what good the man for us may doe. VV sfe Well zaide y wis, when he haz killd us all. Where goes his good, when we are under ground? Cit Good woman, let no feare your heart appall, I would not hurt you for a hundred pound. VVife And truely honest man, if I knew how, I could find in my heart to doe you good. And this I care not if I doe for you: Ile see you shall not starue for lake of foode. Though some heere in our towne are so hard hearted. They care not though they fee a thousand die: But God be thanked, some of them have smarted

For thewing of fuch dogged cruelty:

In you, I hope you are a Christian,

But for it seemes that God hath done his part

and a Countrey-man.

I will be glad in troth with all my heart, To doe you good, and doe the belt I can: You shall come in, Ile venture once a joynt: What my poore house can yeeld, you shail command, I care not for the Constable apoynt: For if by chance that any man demaind, From whence you come, or what you are, or fo: He frame a tale shall serve the turne I trow. Come in on Gods name, man, be of good cheere, My daughter Jugge shall goe for double beere: I have a goose, a ducke, a pigge, a chicke, A peece of bacon, butter, milke, and bread. God holde you found, that you doe not fall licke, You shall doe well: but truely for your bed, You must content your selfe, with such a one, As our poore state affoordes, and we have none But two of strawe, and one poore matteresse, That you shall have, we keepe it for a friend, And you are welcome, you shall finde no lesse, And glad I bought it to so good an end. Cit. Good woman, God reward your kinde good Which at your hands I take most thankfully, (will, And credite me, you neede to feare no ill: Beleeve me, none before his time shall die. I hope my comming shall be for your good: Your pullein onely by my meanes may die: But I will pay you foundly for your brood. I pray you kill a pullet by and by:

Heeres golde and filver, fend for bread and beere, God give us health, and we will have good cheere.

Coun. Why loe you wife, you know how money goes: Surely, God fent him for our good, I fee:

Thepe in God at last we shall not lose,

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By doing good to fuch a one as he: But pray remember that you goe to morrow To mailter Baily with our Landlords rent: And if you lacke, you know where you may borrow. Cit. No borrowing now, I pray you be content: I will supply your want, whatere it be: You shall not finde so ill a guest of me, Here's forty shillings, which I freely give. Coun, God bleffe your worship, and long may you Wife. Amen pray God: Ho Siffe, goe take the kan, And fetch some beere and white bread for this man: Buttake heed that you tell not for whom itis, And hie you home again. And heare you Siffe, If any chaunce to see him, and doe quire Who tis, fay tis my Gossip maister Squire, But and they doe not aske, fay nothing, no: Goe, let me see how quickly you can goe: Jugge, kill the peckled pullet, the red chicke, Scald them, and to the fire with them quicke, quicke: Bid Dicke goe fetch in stickes, cleave an old pale: And Gentleman, love you a cuppe of Ale? That we have in the house, pray sit you down, And welcome, tut, a pinne for all the town, My husband is an honest man, and I Feare not the best of them a halfpenny: I pay the Parsons tithe, and Scot; and Lot. And care not for the Constable a groat: A fort of Hogges will see mendie for food: They, or their brattes will come to little good. I maryell what the pestilence they scrape for, And what tis their wide mouths do yawne & gape for : Bur meate and drinke, and cloth for me and mine, I seeke no more nor care I to be fine:

To

and a Countrey-man.

To pay my rent, and with my neighbours live, And at my doore a dogg a bone to give. Be merry Gentleman, I pray be merry, And takeyour rest, I feare me you are weary.

Citti. Not much, my walke hath not bin long to day, And your good mirth drives wearinesse away: I thank you for your kindenesse hearfily.

And if I live, Ile quite it thorowly.

Wife. I thank you fir, I doubt it not ywis. Husband, I pray goe meet my daughter Siffe, And beate her home : you spoile her, that you do: lugge, blowe the fire, and lay the pullet to. Sir, you may see rude gearles, they are but rawe. Sisse, set downe your kanne and fetch in fresh straw, Lay in the bedde, and aire the hempen sheetes That lie in the browne cheft, and strew some sweetes Along the windowes, Ifope, Marioam, A Rose or two: come Gentleman, pray come, Take a hard cushin, be of good cheere I pray! Griefe doth no good, no, no, cast care away: I thanke my God that hither thus hath fent you, And if our fare and lodging will content you, Stay even your pleafure til your selfe be weary, Weele doe the best we can to make you mery! Cit. It was my hap, after a weary walke. With this good man and wife to fall in talke: And where before I went in heart full grieved, I could not in my forrow be relieued:

And where before I went in heart full grieved,
I could not in my forrow be relieued:
Each fullen flowch and flut would fo disdaine me.
As if they scornd or feard to entertaine me:
Scarce bread and drinke for mony I could get,
Which from the house upon the ground was set,
As if that one should cast a dogge a bone.

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And thus I wandred up and down alone, Vntill I met these honest people here, Who for my money made me hearty cheere, And kindely carefull of me every way. With good content I here was glad to stay, Where I beheld a number passing by, That (as I heard) did in the high-wayes die: Some harbourlesse, and some through want of food, While faithlesse hearts did fear to doe men good. Oh heavy time, how many hearts are broken With helpelesse grief, is not to be spoken: But God almighty look upon the Citie: And in his mercy shew his glorious pitie, To cease this plague, or killing pestilence: Forgive us all the ill of our offence. Preserve his people, and our health restore, That we may love and praise him evermore. Preserve the Court and Country every where: Our King and Queene, their royall progeny, Their Counsell, friends, and all that true harts beare Vnto their gratious worthy Maiestie. And bleffe both Court, Citty, and Country fo, That none may to another stranger be, But passage free for every man to goe, And friend his triend in friendly love may fee And all to gether may accord in one, To give all glory unto God alone.

E .: Amen.





London Trumpet

Sounding into the Countrey.
When Death drives, the Grave thrives

Inne calls downe Punithment: Punithment in ment thould bring forth Amendment of life: Amendment ever mets with mercy, and mercy Cops Sicknette, when 'tis in the highest spece: So that if we fill goe on in wickednesse, we must every were loke to have the bill of Terror arther us more and more.

The diffation, (and rightly may it carry that Pame) both now foure times in a few yeares Rode circuite through the whole Hingdome, and kept a dreadfull Selfions, within London, and round about it: Death does at this house Scout up and downe the Subarbes, and themes his Chally face in some Parrishes of the Citty.

Those houses which are thut up, Charity opens, and most liberally fiedes them. Those houses of pose Handy-crafts-men, that stand open, are for want of worke pinch's with hunger, and the people ready to goe a begaing.

Pet there is one comfort, there is no man (bie he never so pwee) but mietes in every corner, one pweer than himselse: So that, what Advertises soever are

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founding into the Countrey.

layd upon us, we are bound to prayle God, in that we are not cast downe to the lowest Historiunes in the Moralo, for we heare of ten thousands in forceine places, in farre worse estate then we are.

Poin, as Penand Momen, have a particular cause to send their Devotions up to Peaven. when they compare their present beings (how wretched soever) with others more wretched: So many Townes, Cityres, and Lingdomes, may (in generall) lift up their eyes with soy, when albeit the Divine vengeance hath smote them, with a Pace of Iron: Pet if they lake on their Peighbours, miserably to me in pieces: They behold those over whelmed with more raging billows then they sele

92 fe comming nære themselbes.

As for example, this goody and beautifull City of London, hath now but a few faynt spots set in her stell; A few pestilentiall sores sticking on her body: But a few Tokens are sent her, to bid her Remember, who sees her doings: She heares no great Pumber of Bels Tolling: Potertible number of Graves are opened in her sight: Pot whole strats of houses are now that up with Redde Crosses on the dozes: And Lord have Mercy upon us, over those dozes, to fright Beholders: There are not such Fines, and Incomes, to be payd for Tenements of the dead, (Peaden be blessed) as shere were either at the comming of King lames to his Crowne, or of King Charles our Soberaigne to his.

Alas, these markes, Printed (London) upon the now, are but Fle-bitinges to the Aripes which drew blood from thy very Heart, in those dayes of De-

folation.

And yet, how art thou Frighted? How pale are thy Chickes: How voesthis one fit of a burning Feaver, inclame

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instance all thybody: How doest thou shake the Year, and complaine, that doings are cold: that Arading lies dead: and that moneykeeps her bedde, and is not stirring.

How doe thy Coaches, and Caroaches runne thosow thy Arats, and so out at thy Gates, full of brave, rich people, to live safe (as they hope in the Countrey: Pot caring how sorrowfull a life, thou leadest here in their absence.

How little doe they regard the pase, which they leave behinde theme Alhat is it to them, if some pase weets thes does not make the freetes: This touches not them: It wounds not them: Ballants, and Cittizens, take leave of them with much complement at the Coaches side, the Coachman with his Patt off, asking if hee shall set forward: Dn, on, they then all cry, and away (in a Hurry:) Thunder they (O London) out of thy Reach.

Pet, cast thine eye on this Picture above, they cannot be out of his reach: who is ready to follow them, with Times Glasse in one hand, and his owne blacke varts in the other. This Kawbone Foctman can runne by the side of the Coach-horses, and smite the officious

Coachman in the miot of his journey.

Then in heapes, people Kand gazing on a dead Corpes suddenly krueken downe in the fields: This cunning dart caker, can kand before them, loke at them, threaten them, and tell them) when he's bidden but to showte) They shall field the Krength of his leane arms, as well as the others.

And yet, albeit so many Maggons laven with Houls hold-stuffe, are every day drawne from the : Albeit so many dwies are lockt up, and so many take their heles,

founding into the Countrey.

and hy in this day of Battaile: Pet their flight is for the most part into the mouth of danger. For, the Countrey lokes with a more pale, and fickly Collour, then

(London) thou doesf.

Resource not that they Peighbours are so ill, but clappe thy hands so joy thou thy selfe art no worse. Pray so, thy Distressed sciends, neighbouring Townes, and Cities: And releive them to thy power, if they want. As thou hast with a Poble, Frée, and bountifull hand bone to some of late already.

It is warrantable by the Lawes of God, to hunne infection, and to fly perfecution: Divines and best men, doe the one, And the Party2s when they lived did the other. But now (blessed be the white hand of mercy) there are no such Tyrannical I Cnemies beating at thr

gates.

If they that are in the fulnesse of Riches, and the fatnesse of the Land, have Pannozs, and Lozoshipps to rive tw: And Countrey bouses to repaire tw, for pleasure, to aboyde insection: In Bods name, let them goe, with them well at their setting farth, welcome them with Embraces at their comming in: But withall put them in minde of one thing, to doe some god to the pare in the Country, though now they do none here, and all shall be well.

And you in the Countrey, whose Barnes are full of Corne, and whose keldes are crow'nd with bleskings: You, into whose Polizilles the breath of Peaven, suffers his wholesome agre to paste t and tro, to give you health, and to make long luty old age waite upon you at your Tables: To you I speake, your eies doe I with to be opened To loke backe at your hand and unkinde dealings with Cittizens, in the two last great Sickenses.

London's Trumper

nectes: Remember how your Insidelity then, hath beene punished tince: And therefore welcome the Sonnes, and Daughters of London comming to you

now, as if they were your owne.

This Sicknesse call's the Plague, hath a quick for, and a kirring hand: Pet (blessed be the sender of this dreadfull Pursivant) he has not beine two busice with us as yet: Let your eyes but loke beyond Seas, into other Citties and you will acknowledge the Almighties Percy Andreamy extended to us. For, those three punishments (Sword, Petilence, and Famine,) of which, Davids Prophet bid him (from an Angels mouth) make his choyce of one, doe at this instant hotly lay about them insome part of Italy: In so much, that for 4. Poneths, (Pow in this Summer) there have dued of the Plague in Millan, 3000. In Manrua, 36000. In Parma, 2000. And so in other Citties great number besides.

The lost wings of compassion, all this while Cover us, not that we deserbe to be space, but that out of his love, Goodoes space us. For in this lack blow, which he gives us, he fights not with many old men, he gives them time yet to repent, nor with many young men, he winkes at their faults a while hoping, they will be wiser: But loke over all your weekely Bils, ever since there dyed at first but one, and you thall finde, of Insants and young Children, twenty so, one snatched out of their Cradies, because God will be sure to increase his Saints in Peaven.

The King of Kings when his lies his time, hosten and enothere mileries, and power downe his wonted bles.
Angs on this Land, This Citte, us all, APER.

Death.

Have with you into the Countrez.



Have with you into the Countrey.

Death Ow whether a Gods name run you so fast, Why ride you here, why trudge you there?

As though for fear you were agast,

come stay your journey strait, For doe you not know in field or town, That I am a captain of high renowne, So when I list, I can beate you downe,

for still I lay in wait.

Consider then, I pray you men,
What moves you thus to slie?
Come home again for I tell you plaine,
That here I could make you die.
Life What art thou every where to finde?
Fearefully thus thou comest to us,
With crueltie thou art inclinde,

for to pursue men still: Thou wast in London when we came out, Throwing thy deadly darts about,

And now in the Countrey thou art as stout, to follow thy froward will.

What needest thou to make us bow. The ayre is pleasant here:

The graffe doth spring, the birds doe fing:

For Gods sake come not neare.

Death Oh weak of faith I see yau are, Consider and know what David doth show,

In the fixt Psalme his sayings are, as thus it doth begin:

Good Lord in rage rebuke me not,
When thy displeasure is waxen hot,
For then we must needs go to the pot,
as herbs that be put in.

Crie mercie then, you fillie men,

Have with you into the Country.

For wonderous weake you bee:
You are perplexed, your bones are vexed.
As far as I can fee.

Life. O Lord our Soules are troubled fore,
Release our grief, and send reliefe,
Have mercy as thou hadst before,

forgive our sinnes and save our lives.

Or else it little doth availe

Est death dath followers

For death dothfollow us at the tayle, Olet thy mercy still prevaile,

faue us like Bees in hives.
And thus we knowe it needes must go,
That thou maist have thy will:
Thou hast met us heere, as doth appeare,
Which thought to have lived still.
Death. Is not Iehova your chiefe desence?
For under his wings he keepes all things,
Then what have you need to run from hence,

if that your faith were strong?
Though the ayre be fresh, and fields be greene.
And goodly fruites which you esteeme,
Yet I can come when least you deeme,

and lay you all along
On Christ be bolde, to take your holde,
Your anchour-holde is hee,
None other may, this pestilence stay,
But all must come to mee.
Life. Alas our sless is fraile to see,
When Christ did grone, and make such mone,
Besides the mount of Calverie,

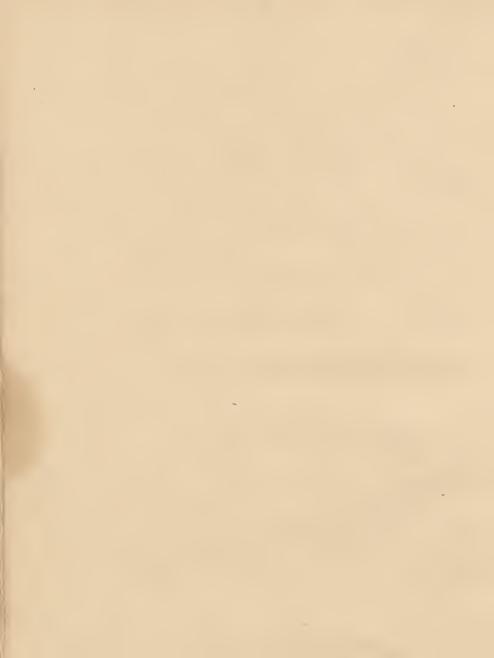
when thou approched It neere:
And there did sweate both water and bloud,
And suffered death to do us good,

Have with you into the Countrey.

These things of thee are understood, twas seene that thou wa'st there. At last did hee, both sinne and thee, Tread downe and conquer too, Which faith of his, if we should misse, Alas what should we doo. Death. I come not everie way a like, Three darts in band, I hold in hand, The first is warre, when I do strike, in other Counties farre. And I thinke all Belgia quakes at mee, And Spaine you know hath not gone free. Tis much to speake of each Countrey, for I turne them all to dust. And here the rest shall be exprest, Of two darts more in store, Of Famins power, which doth devoure, Whole regions more and more. Life. Then the dart of Pestilence at the last, Takes all in store, were left before, Oh spare us Lord, weele pray and fastand all our finnes repent : Vouchsafe to stay, sweet Christ thy hand, Vpon this finfull English land, And give us grace to understand, these dangers to prevent. 'Tis time to pray, that he away, His indignation take: Lord grant us grace, in everie place. Petitions for to make.























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